from 5th December to 22nd December, 1987. A statement indicating the dates of drawal of overdrafts and the amounts involved is enclosed. (*See* below). When the State's overdraft continued for more than 7 consecutive days, the Reserve Bank of India stopped payments on the State Government's accounts for a few days and payment was resumed with effect from 23rd December, 1987 when the overdraft was cleared by the State Government on 22nd December, 1987.

Statement

Dates of drawal of overdraft	Amount of overdraft (Rs. crores)	No. of days
5-12-87	1.17	1
7-12-87	2.65	2
8-12-87	1.19	3
9-12-87	3.87	4
10-12-87	2.35	5
11-12-87	7.02	6
12-12-87	10.10	6
14-12-87	10.25	7
15-12-87	24.45	8
16-12-87	25.34	9
17-12-87	26.32	10
18-12-87	28.74	11
19-12-87	25.93	12
21-12-87	22.49	13
22-12-87	7.81	14

बन्द कपड़ा मिलों का पुनः खोला जाना

11. **श्री नीर्जा इर्शादबेग :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को बन्द कपड़ा मिलों को फिर से चालू करने और मिल क्षेत्र की कार्यकुशलता के बारे में सुधार लाने के संबंध में गुजरात, महाराष्ट्र तथा अन्य राज्यों वाणिज्य मंडलों से कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुये हैं ; यदि हां, तो उनकी मुख्य-मुख्य मांगें तथा सुझाव क्या हैं ;

(ख) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में कोई निर्णय ले लिया गया है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) उत्पाद–शुल्क सम्बन्धी नीति में क्या-क्या परिवर्तन किये गये हैं और इस संबंध में क्या-क्या रियायतें दिये जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) और (ख) सरकार को विभिन्न सगठनों से समय-समय पर देश में बंद कपड़ा मिलों को पुनः खोलने के बारे में कई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होते रहे हैं । मुख्य सुझाव बंद मिलों का राष्ट्रीयकरण / अधिग्रहण तथा बैंकों द्वारा अधिक उदारतापूर्वक वित्तीय व्यवस्था करने संबंधी हैं । वस्त्र नीति के अनुसार सरकार द्वारा अधिग्रहण रुग्ण एककों के राष्ट्रीयकरण करने से हल नहीं निकलता । सरकार नियमानुसार ऐसे मामलों में हस्तक्षेप

नहीं करती । जहां तक कमजोर वस्त्र एककों का संबंध है, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा बैंकों को संशोधित दिशा निदेश जारी कर दिये गये हैं ।

(ग) वस्त्र उद्योग की मांग पर जब कभी भी आवश्यकता होती है समय पर वित्तीय कर प्रभार की पुनरीक्षा की जाती है तथा छूट देने के लिये विचार किया जाता है ।

GNLF Chief's assurance to maintain peace and normalcy in Darjeeling Hill Areas

12. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE:

SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the GNLF President had assured the Central Government that the front would maintain peace;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the GNLF had failed to fulfil its assurance and is carrying on violent activities;

(c) if so, the number of times it had failed to honour its assurance; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Central Government have been insisting that the GNLF must curb violence before any progress could be achieved in the efforts to find a solution to the problem of Darjeeling Hill area. Efforts are, however, under way to find a solution to the problem.

Reduction in the price of Cotton

13. SHRI NEPALDAV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of West Bengal has requested him to reduce the price of cotton because the production of textile and handloom goods have been affected due to the price rise;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to honour the request made by the Chief Minister?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister of West Bengal has in September, 1987 requested for review of policy for export of cotton and cotton yarn.

(c) Government have suspended exports of staple cotton since July, 1987. To ensure that exports of cotton yarn do not affect the domestic availability of cotton and cotton yarn, import of cotton against export of cotton yarn, cotton fabrics and made ups have been permitted on advance licensing basis. For ensuring availability of cotton yarn at reasonable prices to the handloom sector, Government have taken several measures, namely, implementation of hank yarn obligation scheme, loan assistance to NCDC, setting up of National Handloom Development Corporation etc.

Self Employment programme for urban poor

14. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of beneficiaries, Statewise during 1987 under Self Employment Programme for the urban poor and also the Statewise targets fixed for 1988-89;

(b) what is the total credit sanctioned and disbursed during 1987-88 and its break-up, Statewise;

(c) what is the breakup of beneficiaries and the total amount sanctioned and disbursed, tradewise or profession wise; and

(d) what is the number of applications received and the number of applications rejected, Statewise during 1987-88?